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Re: Group Art Unit: 2829  
Serial No.: 10/661,615  
Filed: SEPTEMBER 15, 2003  
Applicant: KOUTA INOUE, ET AL.  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING  
MIM CAPACITOR



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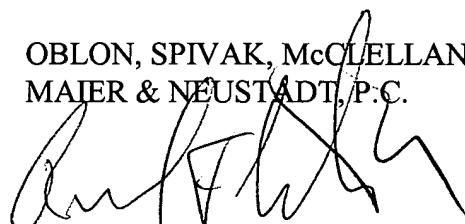
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**RESPONSE TO AN ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Our check in the amount of \$ -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the communication dated May 17, 2004, and further in response to the Election of Species Requirement contained therein, Applicant herein provisionally elects the species noted in the requirement to be "Species 10: Depicted by figures 63-69," and list Claim 18 as being readable thereon.

In addition, Applicant respectfully traverses the Election of Species Requirement as it fails to set forth a serious burden in terms of searching and examining all of Claims 1-18 together. Note MPEP §803 which states that:

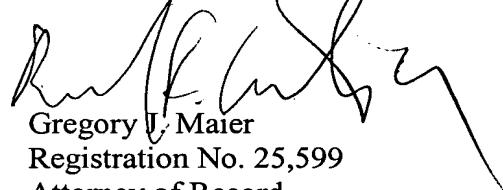
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. [Emphasis added.]

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Reply to Office Action of 05/17/04

Accordingly, it is urged that this Election of Species Requirement should be withdrawn and that an Action on the merits as to all of Claims 1-18 should be forthcoming.

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